

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 24-43 are presently active in this application. Claims 1-23 have been canceled and Claims 24-43 have been added by the present amendment. The new claims are supported by the originally filed specification and do not introduce any new matter. In addition, Figure 2 is resubmitted herewith correcting an obvious typographical error in light of the specification. No new matter has been added.

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 1, 11 and 20 were objected to as including informalities requiring correction; claims 1-4, 7-14 and 16-19 were rejected under 35 USC §102(e)/103(a) as being anticipated by or obvious over US Patent No. 6,542,758 (hereinafter “the ‘758 patent”) to Chennakeshu et al., either alone or in combination with at least one additional reference; and claims 20-23 were rejected under 35 USC §102(e)/103(a) as being anticipated by or obvious over U.S. P.G. Pub. No. 2002/0197955 (hereinafter “the ‘955 publication”) to Witkowski et al., either alone or in combination with the ‘758 patent.

In response to the objection to claims 1, 11 and 20, those grounds for objection are rendered moot by the cancellation of those claims.

In response to the rejection of claims 1-23 under 35 USC 102(e)/103(a), those grounds for rejection have been rendered moot by the cancellation of those claims. However, an analysis of the newly added claims is presented below in light of those references. Since the ‘758 patent was utilized as the primary reference for all claims except claim 20 and its dependent claims which were at least partially directed to the display of received data, the remarks herein are focused on the ‘758 patent for all independent claims given that no new independent claims recite such a display.

New claim 24 recites that “the connection control section starts a connection procedure between the car mounted electronic device when a paging signal from the car mounted electronic device is detected, and sets communication mode in a hands-free mode automatically if the connection procedure is completed.” No such paging signal and/or its utilization is taught by the ‘758 patent, thus that positively recited limitation is not taught or suggested by the ‘758 patent. Moreover, no other applied reference has been asserted as teaching such a limitation.

New claim 30 recites that “the connection control section transmits a paging signal periodically via the radio interface and establishes connection automatically with the mobile communication terminal when a response signal is received from the mobile communication terminal.” As discussed above, the ‘758 patent does not teach a paging signal and/or its utilization, thus that positively recited limitation is not taught or suggested by the ‘758 patent. Moreover, no other applied reference has been asserted as teaching such a limitation.

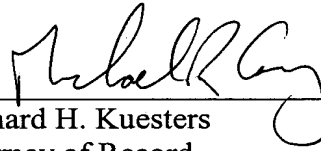
New claim 43, similar to claim 24, recites that “the first connection control section starts a connection procedure between the car mounted electronic device when a paging signal from the car mounted electronic device is detected, and sets communication mode in a hands-free mode automatically if the connection procedure is completed.” As discussed above, the ‘758 patent does not teach a paging signal and/or its utilization, thus that positively recited limitation is not taught or suggested by the ‘758 patent. Moreover, no other applied reference has been asserted as teaching such a limitation.

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Each of the new dependent claims are patentable for at least the reasons set forth for the patentability of the independent claims from which they depend, either directly or indirectly. Accordingly, all claims in the application stand ready for a further examination on the merits. An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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